

27. The method of claim 25 wherein obtaining weather radar data comprises obtaining weather radar data from a cellular phone system.

28. The method of claim 24 wherein displaying information regarding the emergency alert comprises displaying a photograph.

29. The method of claim 25 wherein displaying information regarding the emergency alert comprises displaying a map and a weather radar image on the map.

30. The method of claim 22 wherein displaying the location of the portable alert system and information regarding the emergency alert comprises displaying a map.

31 ~~32~~. The method of claim 30 and further comprising displaying an icon representing the location of the portable alert system on the map.

32 ~~33~~. The method of claim 30 and further comprising displaying an icon representing the emergency alert on the map.

33 ~~34~~. A method of automatically programming a weather radio, the method comprising:

determining a location of the weather radio based on information from a global positioning receiver;

correlating the location of the weather radio with geographic weather radio broadcast information to obtain location code data; and

programming the weather radio based on the location code data.

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34 35. The method of claim 34 wherein determining a location of the weather radio comprises determining a latitude and longitude description of the location of the weather radio.

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35 36. The method of claim 35 wherein obtaining location code data comprises comparing the latitude and longitude description of the location of the weather radio to a database of location codes.

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36 37. The method of claim 34 and further comprising:
determining a best fit rectangle surrounding the location of the weather radio;
comparing the best fit rectangle to a database of location codes; and
selecting a location code located in the best fit rectangle.

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37 38. The method of claim 34 and further comprising:
obtaining a radius surrounding the location of the weather radio;
comparing the radius to a database of location codes; and
selecting a location code located in the radius.